Coburn Amendment 65 as amended -- Prohibits the National Science Foundation (NSF) from wasting federal resources on political science projects, unless the NSF Director certifies projects are vital to national security or the economic interests of the country.

The modified amendment ensures more federal resources are directed towards innovative science by prohibiting the National Science Foundation from funding political science projects, unless the NSF director certifies projects as vital to national security or the economic interests of the U.S.

When the director makes such exceptions, NSF must post reasoning for each exception on its website.

Furthermore, the amendment gives NSF the authority to use unobligated funds in the Political Science Program for transformative research that is not already funded by other federal agencies